

SFA Spotlight - November 2016

Welcome to our newsletter! Please be on the lookout for this newsletter every month as a way to keep you more involved and engaged with information important to the SFA community.

Please be sure to include sfainfo@curesarcoma.org in your address book. If you do not wish to receive this email on a monthly basis, please <u>contact us</u>.



A Note of Thanks

This post was written by Bert E. Thomas IV, PhD, MBA, CEO of the Sarcoma Foundation of America.

In honor of Thanksgiving, I would like to take a moment to share my heartfelt thoughts of gratitude. I know that I speak for all of the staff at the Sarcoma Foundation of America with this list of thanks. Our

work to find the cure in our time is inspired by the sarcoma community and is accomplished thanks to the help we receive from those who share the same goal of improving the lives of those touched by sarcoma.

Read more...

What a Year for our Races!

255 Teams

of Families, Friends and Colleagues affected by Sarcoma banded together.

Over 4,100 people

registered to walk, run, or roll across the country.

Over a HALF MILLION Raised

for sarcoma research.

And we are just getting started!

Before we start to dive into an expanded schedule of races throughout the country in 2017, we want to say **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who helped spread the word, joined us as

a team captain, committee member, or participant, sponsored someone in the race, volunteered for a race, and so much more.

Special thanks to the following teams who raised over \$5,000: Never Mind The Bollocks Lets Cure Sarcoma; Heroic Heath; Blumer's Believers; MICHAEL'S WARRIORS FOR LIFE; Klutka's Krusaders; Running to the Beat of Justin Ehmer's Drum; Brooks Strong defeating Chondrosarcoma; Dave's Legacy; Movers and Shakers; Buck Sarcoma; Team Darice; DAVID BISPHAM'S MEMORY!; Popo's Posse; Cards For A Cure Co.; Team Ken; Team Fe; SISU for Sarcoma; TEAM BEEF DURKEE; Team Annie O; Team Roberts; Team PeroulaThon 2016; Kenny's Road Runners; Locke Out Sarcoma; Kickin it with Katie; and Chuck's Champions.

We couldn't have done it without you. We are thankful for each and every one of you!





The 2016 SFA Patient Education Conference series was a huge success with six conferences at some of the leading sarcoma centers across the country. More than 25 sarcoma experts shared their knowledge with more than 400 patients, caregivers and loved ones. The SFA would like to THANK everyone involved, including the doctors, patients, support staff and our sponsors.

In 2017, our patient education conference series will expand. In addition to the conferences held in Raleigh, New York City, Pittsburgh, Miami, Salt Lake City, and Chicago, expect four to six additional conferences at other sarcoma centers across the country. Keep checking the SFA website for more information.

Registration is already open for our 2017 conference in Houston, TX. Visit http://www.curesarcoma.org/event/houston tx 2017 ed conference/

for more information and to register to attend.

Remember, every patient needs the best advocate they can get as they progress through their journey and information is power. These events are always free and open to the public.

#GivingTuesday

There's Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. After the dust settles from three days of bargain hunting and holiday shopping, consider supporting the Sarcoma Foundation of America on #GivingTuesday.

This year, on Tuesday, November 29, the SFA wants to see the sarcoma community turn #GivingTuesday into #GivingHopeDay. You can be a part of this effort to create more hope by



supporting our mission of increased research and awareness by setting up your own fundraising page. Visit support.curesarcoma.org/champion and take part in this global day of giving.

2017 SFA Research Grants

Sarcoma Foundation of America

Sarcoma Research Grant Applications Accepted Beginning October 2016

For details and guidelines, please visit

www.curesarcoma.org/research/apply-for-a-grant/

The Sarcoma Foundation of America will begin accepting grant proposals in October 2016. Grants of \$50,000, allowing up to 10 percent indirect costs, are available to cover equipment and supplies in support of research on the etiology, molecular biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of human Sarcomas.

The SFA will only accept applications that focus on the following areas of research:

- * Omic characterization of sarcomas and definition of novel targets
- * Omic patterns of sensitivity and resistance to existing agents
- * Systemic therapy combinations
- * Immunotherapy

The SFA raises funds to support basic research focused on discovering and developing new and effective therapies to treat and eradicate Sarcoma.



Application deadline is January 31, 2017

International applications accepted

If you, your family or organization are interested in supporting a research grant, please contact our Development Director, Michele Levy, CFRE, at 301-253-8687 or mlevy@curesarcoma.org to discuss opportunities.

Tis the Season!

Questions About Year End Giving Answered

Before gathering with friends and loved ones for the holiday season, many supporters have asked how they can support SFA.

Answers to your year-end questions can be found on our year-end giving page.



Thank you for your support today and throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact <u>donate@curesarcoma.org</u> or call us at 301-253-8687 to answer any questions.

Turn Your Vehicle Into Hope



Considering a new wheeled vehicle--from a trusty sedan to a boat on a trailer -- this holiday season and have a vehicle you no longer need? Did you know that you can make a difference while getting rid of the unwanted vehicle taking up space in your driveway?

Sarcoma Foundation of America has launched a new vehicle donation program. Whether running or not, we can turn your vehicle into needed funds for sarcoma. And we have free towing.

Visit our <u>Vehicle Donation</u> page to start the easy process or call our Vehicle Donation center at **1-844-SFA-AUTO** (732-2886).

Get Involved!

Interested in hosting an event in your area? Contact us at events@curesarcoma.org.

Looking for volunteer opportunities or other ways to get involved? Contact us at getinvolved@curesarcoma.org.



An easy way to make a difference is to share your Sarcoma Story with us. Your story could be selected to be shared through social media and on our website. To share your story, please visit http://www.curesarcoma.org/get-involved/share-story/.



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